

# Weekly Weather And Crop Bulletin

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## National Weather Summary Volume 93, No. 31 July 23 - 29, 2006

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**Highlights:** Torrid weather gradually subsided across **California** and the **Northwest**, where pastures, summer crops, and farm animals endured a sustained period of record-setting heat. Despite the late-week cooling trend, temperatures averaged at least 10 degrees F above normal at several locations in **California**, the **northern Great Basin**, and the **Northwest**. In contrast, heavy monsoon showers developed in the **Four Corners States**, suppressing temperatures, easing irrigation demands, and providing local relief to drought-stricken rangeland. However, little rain fell on the **Plains**, where hot, unfavorably dry conditions maintained severe stress on pastures, livestock, and immature summer crops. On the **northern Plains**, where temperatures averaged up to 10 degrees F above normal and locally soared above 110 degrees F, heat and drought hastened spring wheat maturation and favored small grain harvesting. Farther east, **Midwestern** summer crops benefited from widespread showers. Although showers dampened previously dry areas of the **Corn Belt** from **Iowa into Wisconsin**, more rain was needed from the **Mississippi Valley westward** to prevent further crop condition declines. In addition, hot weather expanded across the **Midwest** at week's end. Elsewhere, a tropical disturbance maintained abundant moisture supplies in the **western Gulf Coast** region and provided drought relief to parts of **Louisiana** and **Arkansas**. Showers largely bypassed the **Delta**, but stabilized conditions for drought-stressed **Southeastern** summer crops, including cotton and peanuts.

Record-setting **Western** heat gradually shifted eastward, reaching the **Plains** and the **Intermountain West** by week's end. More than 300 daily-record highs and several all-time-record highs were set or tied during the week. Early in the week, all-time-record highs were broken at several locations in **California's Central Valley**, including **Stockton** (115 degrees F on July 23; previously, 114 degrees F on July 14, 1972) and **Modesto** (113 degrees F on July 23 and 24; previously, 112 degrees F on June 15, 1961). Farther south, **Paso Robles, CA**, reached 114 degrees F on July 22 and 23, twice missing its all-time record (115 degrees F on June 14, 2000) by 1 degree. There was little **Western** relief at night, as temperatures in **Fresno, CA** (low of 90 degrees F on July 23), failed to fall below 90 degrees F for the first time on record. Similarly, downtown **Sacramento, CA** (low of 84 degrees F on July 23), remained above 80 degrees F at night for the first time on record. In **Reno, NV**, lows remained at or above 65 degrees F on 13 consecutive days from July 16-28, smashing its former record of 8 days set in July 2003 and 2005.

By mid-week, record heat overspread the **southern half of the Plains**, where daily-record highs in **Kansas** for July 26 included 109 degrees F in both **Ness City** and **WaKeeney**. Later, heat reached the **Southeast** and returned to the **northern Plains**. In **Georgia**, **Alma** (99 and 100 degrees F) posted consecutive daily-record highs on July 27-28. On July 28 in **western South Dakota**, both **Spearfish** (109 degrees F) and **Fort Meade** (108 degrees F) tied all-time-record highs that had been established on July 15, 2006. Elsewhere on July 28, **Duluth, MN** (97 degrees F), recorded its highest temperature since August 5, 1947, when it was also 97 degrees F. A day later, **Casper, WY** (104 degrees F), tied its all-time record originally set on July 12, 1954, and tied just last year on July 16. Farther west, late-week heat relief in **California** ended record-setting streaks of triple-digit heat at 21 days (July 6-26) in **Woodland Hills** (previously, 15 days from August 1-15, 1998); 12 days (July 16-27) in **Modesto** (previously, 10 days from July 6-15, 1960); and 11 days (July 16-26) in downtown **Sacramento** (previously, 9 days in August 1966, June 1981, July 1984, and August 1996). Similarly in **Idaho**, **Boise's** record-tying streak of triple-digit heat ended at 9 days (July 20-28; previously, 9 days from July 15-23, 2003). By the end of July, U.S. wildfires charred about 5.6 million acres, more than 180 percent of the 10-year

average. At month's end, the largest active wildfire, 40 percent contained, was the 235,000-acre Winters Fire, east of **Winnemucca, NV**.

Heavy showers helped to curtail wildfire activity in the **Southwest**, where **Phoenix, AZ** (1.04 inches on July 25), experienced its wettest day since July 14, 1999. Elsewhere in **Arizona**, extremely heavy rain (as much as 4 to 8 inches) fell in the mountains near **Tucson** from July 27-29, with **Mt. Lemmon** recording 7.71 inches. Heavy showers also peppered several other areas, including the **East** and the **Midwest**. On July 25, daily-record **Eastern** totals included 3.42 inches in **New Bern, NC**, and 2.04 inches in **Massena, NY**. Two days later in the **Midwest**, records for July 27 were set in locations such as **Grand Rapids, MI** (2.96 inches), and **South Bend, IN** (2.51 inches). **South Bend** also set a record for its wettest July (8.66 inches, or 232 percent of normal; previously, 7.47 inches in 1982). However, excessive rainfall caused flooding in a few **Great Lakes** and **Midwestern** locations, including **Cisco, IL** (8.46 inches in 48 hours from July 26-28), and **Mentor, OH** (more than 9 inches in 24 hours on July 27-28). Farther south, a tropical disturbance sparked heavy rainfall from the **Texas Coast to areas west of the Delta**, with storm totals topping 8 inches in a few spots. July 26 totals in **Texas** included 5.42 inches in **Palacios** and 2.08 inches in **Houston**, followed the next day by daily-record totals in **Shreveport, LA** (3.21 inches), and **Texarkana, AR** (2.81 inches). In **southwestern Arkansas**, **Nashville** received 7.94 inches of rain in a 36-hour span from July 26-28. In contrast, a 29-day spell (June 25 - July 23) without measurable rain finally ended in **Fargo, ND**, followed by a 2.23-inch total from July 24-29.

The remnants of **eastern Pacific** Hurricane Daniel passed just south of **Hawaii's Big Island** on July 28, sparking locally heavy showers. **Hilo** netted a daily-record total of 1.67 inches on July 28 en route to a 2-day sum of 3.50 inches. Despite the late-month rain, **Hilo's** July rainfall totaled just 7.83 inches (73 percent of normal). Elsewhere on the **Big Island**, **Waiaha** collected 3.82 inches in a 24-hour period on July 29-30. Meanwhile, near-normal temperatures prevailed across much of **Alaska**, accompanied by scattered, generally light showers. Enough warmth briefly crept into **western Alaska** to produce a daily-record high (76 degrees F on July 24) in **Nome**, while **Barrow**--on the **Arctic Coast**--netted a daily-record precipitation total (0.44 inch) on July 23.

### National Agricultural Summary July 24 - 30, 2006

**Highlights:** For the third straight week, above-normal temperatures prevailed across most of the Nation. Only in the Mississippi Delta and along the western Gulf Coast were temperatures below normal. Moderate to heavy precipitation fell across the eastern half of the Nation, maintaining adequate soil moisture in the Ohio Valley and Northeast. However, soil moisture was still lacking across the Southeast and Mississippi Delta, despite moderate rainfall in most areas. The western half of the Nation remained mostly dry, with the exception of moderate to heavy rainfall in parts of the Southwest. In the Great Plains, northern Rocky Mountains, and Pacific Coast dry conditions combined with hot weather to cause crop development to advance rapidly but caused a decline in summer crop conditions.

**Corn:** Ninety-one percent of the acreage was at or beyond the silking stage, the same as last year but 9 percentage points ahead of normal. Silking progressed rapidly in the northern Corn Belt and northern Great Plains, advancing 31 points in North Dakota and 28 points in Wisconsin. Meanwhile, acreage at or beyond the dough stage advanced to 25 percent, compared with 24 percent last year and 21 percent for the 5-year average. Progress was slightly behind normal in the Ohio Valley but ahead of normal elsewhere. Denting, at 5 percent, was 1 point ahead of last year but the same as the 5-year average. Texas's crop was most advanced, with 65 percent of the acreage at or beyond the dent stage, while denting had not yet begun in the northern Corn Belt, Colorado, North Dakota, and Ohio.

**Soybeans:** Acreage blooming or beyond advanced to 87 percent, compared with 89 percent last year and 81 percent for the 5-year average. The stage was most advanced in Mississippi and North Dakota, where 100 percent of the acreage was blooming or beyond. Blooming was at or ahead of normal in all States, except Indiana, where progress trailed 4 points behind normal despite advancing 21 points during the week. Fifty-three percent of the acreage was setting pods, 1 point ahead of last year and 12 points ahead of normal. Pod setting progressed rapidly in the western Corn Belt and adjacent areas of the Great Plains, advancing over 30 points in Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota. Progress was behind normal in Illinois and Indiana but ahead of normal elsewhere, leading the normal pace by 25 points or more in Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Tennessee.

**Winter Wheat:** Growers had harvested 91 percent of their crop, compared with 88 percent last year and 87 percent for the 5-year average. Harvest was complete or nearly complete in most States, except in the Pacific Northwest, where less than half of the acreage had been reaped. Harvest continued to progress rapidly in Montana, advancing 36 points during the week and surpassing the normal pace by 51 points.

**Cotton:** Squaring advanced to 94 percent, the same as last year and the 5-year average. In most producing States, all of the acreage was at or beyond the stage. However, squaring was over two weeks behind normal in Alabama and also trailed behind the normal pace in California, Kansas, and Missouri, but was at or ahead of the normal pace elsewhere. Meanwhile, 70 percent of the acreage was setting bolls or beyond, 3 points ahead of last year but 1 point behind normal. Boll-setting advanced most rapidly in the Carolinas, but also progressed well in the Great Plains.

**Sorghum:** Fifty-two percent of the acreage was at or beyond the heading stage, 2 points ahead of last year and 3 points ahead of the 5-year average. Heading progressed rapidly in Nebraska, advancing 32 points during the week. Progress was nearly two weeks behind normal in Oklahoma and also trailed behind normal in Kansas and New Mexico but was ahead of normal elsewhere. Acreage turning color or beyond, at 23 percent, was 3 points ahead of last year and 2 points ahead of normal. Coloring progressed most rapidly in the Delta, advancing 18 points in Arkansas and Louisiana. Development was ahead of normal in most States but lagged behind in Kansas, the leading producing State, as well as Illinois and Oklahoma.

**Rice:** Heading advanced to 49 percent, compared with 43 percent last year and 51 percent for the 5-year average. Heading was most active in the Delta, where 20 percent of Arkansas's acreage and 21 percent of Mississippi's acreage entered the stage during the week. Heading was behind normal in Arkansas and California but ahead of normal elsewhere. Condition of the crop improved in most areas in response to moderate to heavy precipitation but declined in Mississippi, where dry conditions prevailed across the rice-growing area.

**Small Grains:** Spring wheat growers had harvested 22 percent of their acreage, 15 points ahead of last year and 16 points ahead of normal. With warm, dry conditions favoring maturation and harvest, producers in the Dakotas were well ahead of their normal harvest pace. In Washington, however, harvest trailed behind normal due to delayed planting early in the season.

Ninety-six percent of the barley acreage was at or beyond the heading stage, compared with 99 percent last year and 98 percent for the 5-year average. Harvest, at 17 percent complete, was 11 points ahead of last year and 12 points ahead of normal. Like spring wheat, barley harvest was well ahead of normal in Minnesota and North Dakota but behind normal in Washington.

Harvest of the Nation's oat crop advanced to 55 percent complete, compared with 46 percent last year and 38 percent for the 5-year average. Growers in the western Corn Belt harvested their crop rapidly, advancing 34 points in Iowa and Minnesota. Harvest trailed behind normal in the Ohio Valley but was ahead of normal in all other areas.

**Other Crops:** Eighty-three percent of the peanut acreage was at or beyond the pegging stage, 4 points behind last year and 7 points behind normal. Pegging was most advanced, at 94 percent or more, in Florida, North Carolina, and Oklahoma, where the crop progressed ahead of average. Elsewhere, however, pegging was behind normal, trailing the normal pace by a week in Texas and over two weeks in Alabama.

**Corn: Percent Silking,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State  | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|        | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|        | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| CO     | 55              | 33              | 54              | 56                    |
| IL     | 98              | 96              | 98              | 94                    |
| IN     | 87              | 74              | 95              | 87                    |
| IA     | 94              | 80              | 91              | 83                    |
| KS     | 98              | 93              | 97              | 94                    |
| KY     | 92              | 85              | 96              | 90                    |
| MI     | 84              | 64              | 91              | 64                    |
| MN     | 98              | 85              | 96              | 85                    |
| MO     | 98              | 89              | 96              | 94                    |
| NE     | 95              | 81              | 95              | 87                    |
| NC     | 100             | 100             | 97              | 97                    |
| ND     | 91              | 60              | 78              | 68                    |
| OH     | 89              | 73              | 93              | 79                    |
| PA     | 75              | 62              | 76              | 63                    |
| SD     | 66              | 42              | 63              | 52                    |
| TN     | 100             | 99              | 100             | 99                    |
| TX     | 98              | 93              | 93              | 95                    |
| WI     | 75              | 47              | 71              | 50                    |
| 18 Sts | 91              | 78              | 91              | 82                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 93% of last year's corn acreage.

**Corn: Percent Dough,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State  | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|        | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|        | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| CO     | 6               | 1               | 5               | 5                     |
| IL     | 42              | 25              | 37              | 37                    |
| IN     | 22              | 8               | 28              | 23                    |
| IA     | 11              | 4               | 19              | 9                     |
| KS     | 42              | 33              | 44              | 41                    |
| KY     | 38              | 16              | 33              | 40                    |
| MI     | 4               | 0               | 4               | 2                     |
| MN     | 2               | 0               | 0               | 0                     |
| MO     | 59              | 37              | 63              | 57                    |
| NE     | 29              | 9               | 27              | 20                    |
| NC     | 83              | 68              | 68              | 69                    |
| ND     | 10              | 3               | 6               | 6                     |
| OH     | 13              | 4               | 11              | 12                    |
| PA     | 16              | 6               | 16              | 17                    |
| SD     | 12              | 3               | 3               | 5                     |
| TN     | 83              | 62              | 78              | 77                    |
| TX     | 85              | 69              | 73              | 74                    |
| WI     | 6               | 0               | 4               | 2                     |
| 18 Sts | 25              | 13              | 24              | 21                    |

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**Corn: Percent Dented,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State  | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|        | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|        | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| CO     | 0               | NA              | 0               | 0                     |
| IL     | 4               | NA              | 4               | 6                     |
| IN     | 2               | NA              | 3               | 2                     |
| IA     | 1               | NA              | 0               | 0                     |
| KS     | 8               | NA              | 6               | 9                     |
| KY     | 16              | NA              | 10              | 15                    |
| MI     | 0               | NA              | 0               | 0                     |
| MN     | 0               | NA              | 0               | 0                     |
| MO     | 20              | NA              | 15              | 14                    |
| NE     | 1               | NA              | 0               | 1                     |
| NC     | 38              | NA              | 25              | 32                    |
| ND     | 0               | NA              | 0               | 0                     |
| OH     | 0               | NA              | 0               | 0                     |
| PA     | 2               | NA              | 1               | 1                     |
| SD     | 2               | NA              | 0               | 0                     |
| TN     | 50              | NA              | 37              | 35                    |
| TX     | 65              | NA              | 62              | 60                    |
| WI     | 0               | NA              | 0               | 0                     |
| 18 Sts | 5               | NA              | 4               | 5                     |

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**Soybeans: Percent Blooming,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State  | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|        | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|        | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AR     | 91              | 84              | 86              | 76                    |
| IL     | 87              | 79              | 95              | 87                    |
| IN     | 75              | 54              | 89              | 79                    |
| IA     | 94              | 85              | 94              | 89                    |
| KS     | 87              | 77              | 83              | 77                    |
| KY     | 62              | 58              | 72              | 60                    |
| LA     | 94              | 90              | 90              | 87                    |
| MI     | 80              | 75              | 86              | 72                    |
| MN     | 96              | 88              | 92              | 87                    |
| MS     | 100             | 99              | 99              | 96                    |
| MO     | 74              | 58              | 77              | 64                    |
| NE     | 91              | 75              | 95              | 86                    |
| NC     | 48              | 31              | 53              | 41                    |
| ND     | 100             | 96              | 93              | 91                    |
| OH     | 86              | 73              | 95              | 82                    |
| SD     | 93              | 79              | 86              | 82                    |
| TN     | 90              | 82              | 92              | 68                    |
| WI     | 78              | 60              | 83              | 64                    |
| 18 Sts | 87              | 76              | 89              | 81                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 95% of last year's soybean acreage.

**Soybeans: Percent Setting Pods,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State  | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|        | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|        | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AR     | 71              | 58              | 65              | 52                    |
| IL     | 43              | 23              | 58              | 46                    |
| IN     | 30              | 12              | 52              | 39                    |
| IA     | 66              | 43              | 63              | 52                    |
| KS     | 43              | 24              | 40              | 38                    |
| KY     | 35              | 29              | 50              | 34                    |
| LA     | 86              | 78              | 79              | 71                    |
| MI     | 42              | 33              | 55              | 34                    |
| MN     | 62              | 29              | 43              | 32                    |
| MS     | 96              | 93              | 92              | 86                    |
| MO     | 33              | 18              | 39              | 30                    |
| NE     | 64              | 32              | 58              | 39                    |
| NC     | 18              | 7               | 14              | 13                    |
| ND     | 93              | 71              | 60              | 56                    |
| OH     | 36              | 15              | 51              | 36                    |
| SD     | 49              | 17              | 18              | 29                    |
| TN     | 71              | 55              | 77              | 46                    |
| WI     | 48              | 20              | 48              | 24                    |
| 18 Sts | 53              | 32              | 52              | 41                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States planted 95% of last year's soybean acreage.

**Winter Wheat: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State  | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|        | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|        | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AR     | 100             | 100             | 100             | 100                   |
| CA     | 99              | 99              | 100             | 98                    |
| CO     | 100             | 97              | 99              | 98                    |
| ID     | 20              | 5               | 10              | 17                    |
| IL     | 100             | 98              | 100             | 100                   |
| IN     | 100             | 98              | 100             | 100                   |
| KS     | 100             | 100             | 100             | 100                   |
| MI     | 94              | 78              | 92              | 86                    |
| MO     | 100             | 100             | 100             | 100                   |
| MT     | 83              | 47              | 39              | 32                    |
| NE     | 100             | 96              | 98              | 97                    |
| NC     | 100             | 98              | 100             | 100                   |
| OH     | 99              | 97              | 100             | 100                   |
| OK     | 100             | 100             | 100             | 100                   |
| OR     | 48              | 24              | 51              | 52                    |
| SD     | 99              | 91              | 90              | 79                    |
| TX     | 100             | 100             | 100             | 100                   |
| WA     | 30              | 19              | 37              | 28                    |
| 18 Sts | 91              | 86              | 88              | 87                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 18 States harvested 92% of last year's winter wheat acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Squaring,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State  | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|        | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|        | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AL     | 84              | 81              | 95              | 98                    |
| AZ     | 100             | 100             | 98              | 98                    |
| AR     | 100             | 100             | 100             | 100                   |
| CA     | 94              | 88              | 96              | 95                    |
| GA     | 100             | 98              | 97              | 98                    |
| KS     | 64              | 61              | 65              | 74                    |
| LA     | 100             | 99              | 100             | 100                   |
| MS     | 100             | 100             | 100             | 99                    |
| MO     | 98              | 94              | 100             | 99                    |
| NC     | 100             | 96              | 95              | 96                    |
| OK     | 91              | 85              | 87              | 88                    |
| SC     | 93              | 90              | 89              | 92                    |
| TN     | 100             | 100             | 100             | 100                   |
| TX     | 90              | 80              | 89              | 89                    |
| VA     | 100             | 100             | 99              | 96                    |
| 15 Sts | 94              | 89              | 94              | 94                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 15 States planted 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Cotton: Percent Setting Bolls,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State  | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|        | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|        | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AL     | 62              | 56              | 56              | 74                    |
| AZ     | 96              | 80              | 81              | 88                    |
| AR     | 99              | 93              | 94              | 92                    |
| CA     | 54              | 34              | 67              | 68                    |
| GA     | 90              | 82              | 73              | 82                    |
| KS     | 23              | 4               | 25              | 25                    |
| LA     | 98              | 83              | 93              | 96                    |
| MS     | 93              | 83              | 92              | 91                    |
| MO     | 84              | 77              | 70              | 76                    |
| NC     | 75              | 48              | 75              | 77                    |
| OK     | 52              | 30              | 31              | 46                    |
| SC     | 55              | 30              | 45              | 50                    |
| TN     | 82              | 64              | 87              | 79                    |
| TX     | 54              | 35              | 53              | 59                    |
| VA     | 75              | 60              | 70              | 72                    |
| 15 Sts | 70              | 54              | 67              | 71                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 15 States planted 99% of last year's cotton acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Headed,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State  | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|        | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|        | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AR     | 96              | 91              | 83              | 91                    |
| CO     | 44              | 33              | 23              | 21                    |
| IL     | 59              | 40              | 68              | 55                    |
| KS     | 37              | 18              | 42              | 39                    |
| LA     | 96              | 92              | 92              | 96                    |
| MO     | 74              | 50              | 69              | 56                    |
| NE     | 53              | 21              | 41              | 30                    |
| NM     | 10              | 4               | 19              | 18                    |
| OK     | 21              | 17              | 31              | 42                    |
| SD     | 55              | 37              | 42              | 39                    |
| TX     | 75              | 71              | 65              | 66                    |
| 11 Sts | 52              | 39              | 50              | 49                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Sorghum: Percent Coloring,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State  | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|--------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|        | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|        | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AR     | 55              | 37              | 44              | 54                    |
| CO     | 3               | 0               | 0               | 0                     |
| IL     | 3               | 2               | 3               | 9                     |
| KS     | 2               | 0               | 4               | 5                     |
| LA     | 77              | 59              | 56              | 64                    |
| MO     | 10              | 6               | 11              | 10                    |
| NE     | 0               | 0               | 0               | 0                     |
| NM     | 2               | 1               | 0               | 0                     |
| OK     | 7               | 6               | 9               | 14                    |
| SD     | 11              | 8               | 0               | 6                     |
| TX     | 60              | 58              | 49              | 49                    |
| 11 Sts | 23              | 21              | 20              | 21                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 11 States planted 97% of last year's sorghum acreage.

**Spring Wheat: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|       | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|       | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| ID    | 3               | NA              | 0               | 2                     |
| MN    | 9               | NA              | 4               | 3                     |
| MT    | 16              | NA              | 3               | 2                     |
| ND    | 21              | NA              | 2               | 2                     |
| SD    | 54              | NA              | 34              | 31                    |
| WA    | 9               | NA              | 20              | 14                    |
| 6 Sts | 22              | NA              | 7               | 6                     |

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States harvested 99% of last year's spring wheat acreage.

**Oats: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|       | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|       | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| IA    | 81              | 47              | 86              | 72                    |
| MN    | 49              | 15              | 30              | 22                    |
| NE    | 91              | 85              | 93              | 85                    |
| ND    | 38              | 19              | 7               | 5                     |
| OH    | 37              | 13              | 48              | 43                    |
| PA    | 24              | 21              | 32              | 28                    |
| SD    | 72              | 45              | 52              | 44                    |
| TX    | 100             | 100             | 100             | 100                   |
| WI    | 39              | 9               | 41              | 25                    |
| 9 Sts | 55              | 33              | 46              | 38                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 9 States harvested 72% of last year's oat acreage.

**Barley: Percent Headed,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|       | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|       | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| ID    | 95              | 90              | 98              | 99                    |
| MN    | 100             | 99              | 99              | 98                    |
| MT    | 89              | 86              | 97              | 97                    |
| ND    | 100             | 100             | 100             | 99                    |
| WA    | 100             | 100             | 100             | 100                   |
| 5 Sts | 96              | 94              | 99              | 98                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 5 States planted 79% of last year's barley acreage.

**Barley: Percent Harvested,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|       | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|       | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| ID    | 4               | NA              | 2               | 4                     |
| MN    | 33              | NA              | 10              | 7                     |
| MT    | 16              | NA              | 7               | 4                     |
| ND    | 26              | NA              | 5               | 4                     |
| WA    | 6               | NA              | 20              | 12                    |
| 5 Sts | 17              | NA              | 6               | 5                     |

<sup>1</sup> These 5 States harvested 81% of last year's barley acreage.

**Rice: Percent Headed,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|       | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|       | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AR    | 40              | 20              | 32              | 47                    |
| CA    | 10              | 5               | 8               | 18                    |
| LA    | 89              | 76              | 83              | 84                    |
| MS    | 79              | 58              | 64              | 64                    |
| MO    | 34              | 24              | 41              | 34                    |
| TX    | 94              | 92              | 86              | 89                    |
| 6 Sts | 49              | 34              | 43              | 51                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 6 States planted 100% of last year's rice acreage.

**Peanuts: Percent Pegging,  
Selected States <sup>1</sup>**

| State | Week Ending     |                 |                 | 2001-<br>2005<br>Avg. |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|       | Jul 30,<br>2006 | Jul 23,<br>2006 | Jul 30,<br>2005 |                       |
|       | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>  | <i>Percent</i>        |
| AL    | 43              | 41              | 54              | 82                    |
| FL    | 95              | 90              | 97              | 92                    |
| GA    | 93              | 87              | 93              | 94                    |
| NC    | 94              | 90              | 86              | 93                    |
| OK    | 98              | 94              | 96              | 92                    |
| SC    | 90              | 88              | 86              | 91                    |
| TX    | 75              | 64              | 90              | 86                    |
| VA    | 80              | 76              | 84              | 80                    |
| 7 Sts | 83              | 77              | 87              | 90                    |

<sup>1</sup> These 8 States planted 98% of last year's peanut acreage.

**Corn: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Jul 30, 2006**

| State   | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| CO      | 3              | 10             | 36             | 45             | 6              |
| IL      | 2              | 5              | 24             | 48             | 21             |
| IN      | 2              | 7              | 24             | 50             | 17             |
| IA      | 5              | 12             | 26             | 42             | 15             |
| KS      | 9              | 18             | 32             | 34             | 7              |
| KY      | 1              | 2              | 12             | 43             | 42             |
| MI      | 1              | 5              | 22             | 53             | 19             |
| MN      | 9              | 15             | 28             | 39             | 9              |
| MO      | 4              | 10             | 32             | 46             | 8              |
| NE      | 6              | 11             | 29             | 39             | 15             |
| NC      | 0              | 2              | 22             | 51             | 25             |
| ND      | 14             | 18             | 34             | 32             | 2              |
| OH      | 2              | 7              | 22             | 47             | 22             |
| PA      | 1              | 3              | 13             | 47             | 36             |
| SD      | 27             | 23             | 28             | 20             | 2              |
| TN      | 6              | 12             | 24             | 41             | 17             |
| TX      | 30             | 18             | 29             | 20             | 3              |
| WI      | 9              | 16             | 23             | 32             | 20             |
| 18 Sts  | 7              | 11             | 26             | 41             | 15             |
| Prev Wk | 5              | 10             | 26             | 43             | 16             |
| Prev Yr | 7              | 13             | 27             | 39             | 14             |

**Soybeans: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Jul 30, 2006**

| State   | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| AR      | 8              | 17             | 35             | 32             | 8              |
| IL      | 2              | 6              | 25             | 48             | 19             |
| IN      | 2              | 6              | 26             | 53             | 13             |
| IA      | 4              | 12             | 29             | 44             | 11             |
| KS      | 2              | 14             | 39             | 39             | 6              |
| KY      | 1              | 4              | 15             | 51             | 29             |
| LA      | 7              | 18             | 37             | 35             | 3              |
| MI      | 2              | 6              | 23             | 52             | 17             |
| MN      | 7              | 14             | 30             | 39             | 10             |
| MS      | 15             | 23             | 32             | 24             | 6              |
| MO      | 4              | 12             | 36             | 42             | 6              |
| NE      | 7              | 18             | 37             | 34             | 4              |
| NC      | 0              | 5              | 34             | 52             | 9              |
| ND      | 6              | 19             | 38             | 33             | 4              |
| OH      | 3              | 9              | 26             | 46             | 16             |
| SD      | 14             | 26             | 35             | 21             | 4              |
| TN      | 6              | 10             | 26             | 47             | 11             |
| WI      | 5              | 13             | 28             | 32             | 22             |
| 18 Sts  | 5              | 12             | 30             | 42             | 11             |
| Prev Wk | 4              | 11             | 31             | 43             | 11             |
| Prev Yr | 5              | 11             | 30             | 42             | 12             |

**Spring Wheat: Crop Condition  
by Percent, Selected States,  
Week Ending Jul 30, 2006**

| State   | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| ID      | 1              | 2              | 14             | 74             | 9              |
| MN      | 7              | 14             | 35             | 40             | 4              |
| MT      | 13             | 18             | 43             | 25             | 1              |
| ND      | 14             | 22             | 34             | 28             | 2              |
| SD      | 34             | 26             | 23             | 13             | 4              |
| WA      | 0              | 15             | 36             | 43             | 6              |
| 6 Sts   | 15             | 20             | 33             | 29             | 3              |
| Prev Wk | 11             | 20             | 35             | 32             | 2              |
| Prev Yr | 2              | 6              | 24             | 54             | 14             |

**Rice: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Jul 30, 2006**

| State   | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| AR      | 2              | 5              | 26             | 51             | 16             |
| CA      | 0              | 2              | 76             | 16             | 6              |
| LA      | 0              | 3              | 40             | 49             | 8              |
| MS      | 1              | 8              | 19             | 59             | 13             |
| MO      | 0              | 2              | 11             | 53             | 34             |
| TX      | 0              | 9              | 45             | 39             | 7              |
| 6 Sts   | 1              | 5              | 36             | 44             | 14             |
| Prev Wk | 1              | 5              | 39             | 43             | 12             |
| Prev Yr | 0              | 2              | 36             | 48             | 14             |

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2005 planted acres.



**Cotton: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Jul 30, 2006**

| State   | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| AL      | 38             | 37             | 21             | 4              | 0              |
| AZ      | 0              | 0              | 41             | 45             | 14             |
| AR      | 1              | 8              | 28             | 47             | 16             |
| CA      | 0              | 0              | 0              | 81             | 19             |
| GA      | 15             | 22             | 37             | 24             | 2              |
| KS      | 2              | 5              | 34             | 51             | 8              |
| LA      | 2              | 8              | 30             | 59             | 1              |
| MS      | 11             | 20             | 30             | 30             | 9              |
| MO      | 0              | 5              | 24             | 63             | 8              |
| NC      | 1              | 6              | 29             | 55             | 9              |
| OK      | 23             | 30             | 35             | 12             | 0              |
| SC      | 1              | 22             | 35             | 39             | 3              |
| TN      | 1              | 4              | 21             | 61             | 13             |
| TX      | 23             | 29             | 28             | 16             | 4              |
| VA      | 0              | 6              | 14             | 45             | 35             |
| 15 Sts  | 14             | 20             | 27             | 32             | 7              |
| Prev Wk | 13             | 19             | 30             | 31             | 7              |
| Prev Yr | 3              | 8              | 28             | 49             | 12             |

**Sorghum: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Jul 30, 2006**

| State   | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| AR      | 2              | 13             | 40             | 35             | 10             |
| CO      | 1              | 11             | 32             | 55             | 1              |
| IL      | 1              | 11             | 31             | 53             | 4              |
| KS      | 6              | 20             | 38             | 33             | 3              |
| LA      | 1              | 8              | 28             | 60             | 3              |
| MO      | 1              | 5              | 33             | 56             | 5              |
| NE      | 5              | 16             | 38             | 33             | 8              |
| NM      | 21             | 45             | 3              | 28             | 3              |
| OK      | 4              | 25             | 41             | 18             | 12             |
| SD      | 29             | 31             | 32             | 8              | 0              |
| TX      | 28             | 25             | 26             | 20             | 1              |
| 11 Sts  | 14             | 22             | 32             | 29             | 3              |
| Prev Wk | 12             | 17             | 33             | 34             | 4              |
| Prev Yr | 4              | 12             | 36             | 41             | 7              |

**Peanuts: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Jul 30, 2006**

| State   | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| AL      | 16             | 26             | 41             | 17             | 0              |
| FL      | 15             | 40             | 35             | 10             | 0              |
| GA      | 9              | 20             | 40             | 29             | 2              |
| NC      | 0              | 1              | 6              | 83             | 10             |
| OK      | 1              | 10             | 38             | 50             | 1              |
| SC      | 0              | 6              | 30             | 59             | 5              |
| TX      | 4              | 12             | 48             | 27             | 9              |
| VA      | 0              | 0              | 13             | 62             | 25             |
| 8 Sts   | 9              | 19             | 38             | 30             | 4              |
| Prev Wk | 8              | 17             | 40             | 32             | 3              |
| Prev Yr | 1              | 4              | 21             | 59             | 15             |

**Oats: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Jul 30, 2006**

| State   | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| IA      | 2              | 9              | 25             | 53             | 11             |
| MN      | 15             | 16             | 34             | 33             | 2              |
| NE      | 15             | 31             | 38             | 16             | 0              |
| ND      | 34             | 26             | 23             | 16             | 1              |
| OH      | 0              | 5              | 31             | 48             | 16             |
| PA      | 0              | 3              | 19             | 69             | 9              |
| SD      | 27             | 31             | 23             | 18             | 1              |
| TX      | 40             | 23             | 29             | 8              | 0              |
| WI      | 3              | 10             | 28             | 49             | 10             |
| 9 Sts   | 22             | 20             | 27             | 27             | 4              |
| Prev Wk | 20             | 20             | 28             | 27             | 5              |
| Prev Yr | 2              | 9              | 28             | 50             | 11             |

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2005 planted acres.

**Barley: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Jul 30, 2006**

| State   | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             |
|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| ID      | 0              | 4              | 14             | 71             | 11             |
| MN      | 8              | 11             | 42             | 37             | 2              |
| MT      | 5              | 14             | 30             | 41             | 10             |
| ND      | 10             | 18             | 36             | 34             | 2              |
| WA      | 0              | 14             | 41             | 41             | 4              |
| 5 Sts   | 6              | 13             | 30             | 45             | 6              |
| Prev Wk | 4              | 15             | 30             | 46             | 5              |
| Prev Yr | 2              | 5              | 21             | 55             | 17             |

**Pasture and Range: Crop Condition by Percent,  
Selected States,  
Week Ending Jul 30, 2006**

| State | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             | State   | VP             | P              | F              | G              | EX             |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|       | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |         | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| AL    | 49             | 33             | 16             | 2              | 0              | NJ      | 0              | 15             | 45             | 35             | 5              |
| AZ    | 52             | 29             | 15             | 4              | 0              | NM      | 21             | 36             | 28             | 14             | 1              |
| AR    | 13             | 35             | 34             | 18             | 0              | NY      | 3              | 5              | 21             | 46             | 25             |
| CA    | 12             | 17             | 54             | 17             | 0              | NC      | 2              | 12             | 33             | 50             | 3              |
| CO    | 35             | 32             | 27             | 6              | 0              | ND      | 39             | 32             | 22             | 7              | 0              |
| CT    | 0              | 10             | 10             | 80             | 0              | OH      | 1              | 5              | 23             | 53             | 18             |
| DE    | 0              | 2              | 16             | 72             | 10             | OK      | 40             | 32             | 23             | 5              | 0              |
| FL    | 5              | 5              | 30             | 55             | 5              | OR      | 7              | 21             | 35             | 31             | 6              |
| GA    | 27             | 38             | 29             | 5              | 1              | PA      | 1              | 8              | 27             | 47             | 17             |
| ID    | 1              | 2              | 39             | 45             | 13             | RI      | 0              | 0              | 0              | 50             | 50             |
| IL    | 6              | 15             | 30             | 41             | 8              | SC      | 9              | 22             | 40             | 28             | 1              |
| IN    | 1              | 5              | 20             | 65             | 9              | SD      | 41             | 29             | 21             | 9              | 0              |
| IA    | 22             | 26             | 28             | 18             | 6              | TN      | 16             | 23             | 35             | 25             | 1              |
| KS    | 23             | 29             | 33             | 15             | 0              | TX      | 43             | 31             | 19             | 5              | 2              |
| KY    | 1              | 7              | 29             | 52             | 11             | UT      | 1              | 10             | 38             | 48             | 3              |
| LA    | 7              | 20             | 42             | 29             | 2              | VT      | 0              | 0              | 38             | 56             | 6              |
| ME    | 0              | 0              | 23             | 67             | 10             | VA      | 3              | 14             | 38             | 39             | 6              |
| MD    | 2              | 8              | 33             | 41             | 16             | WA      | 4              | 5              | 38             | 53             | 0              |
| MA    | 0              | 0              | 4              | 62             | 34             | WV      | 1              | 6              | 30             | 58             | 5              |
| MI    | 3              | 22             | 26             | 38             | 11             | WI      | 29             | 25             | 22             | 20             | 4              |
| MN    | 35             | 30             | 26             | 9              | 0              | WY      | 42             | 29             | 18             | 11             | 0              |
| MS    | 25             | 34             | 31             | 10             | 0              |         |                |                |                |                |                |
| MO    | 31             | 35             | 25             | 9              | 0              | 48 Sts  | 24             | 24             | 29             | 20             | 3              |
| MT    | 13             | 26             | 32             | 24             | 5              |         |                |                |                |                |                |
| NE    | 34             | 36             | 24             | 6              | 0              | Prev Wk | 21             | 24             | 30             | 22             | 3              |
| NV    | 10             | 15             | 36             | 37             | 2              | Prev Yr | 10             | 18             | 33             | 34             | 5              |
| NH    | 0              | 2              | 28             | 61             | 9              |         |                |                |                |                |                |

VP-Very Poor, P-Poor, F-Fair, G-Good, EX-Excellent.

National crop conditions for selected States are weighted based on 2005 planted acres.

## Crop Progress and Condition Survey and Estimating Procedures

**Survey Procedures:** Crop progress and condition estimates are based on survey data that are collected each week from early April to the end of November. The Crop progress and condition surveys are non-probability surveys that include a sample of more than 5,000 reporters whose occupations provide them opportunities to make visual observations and frequently bring them in contact with farmers in their counties. Based on standard definitions, these reporters subjectively estimate progress of farmers' activities and progress of crops through their stages of development. They also provide subjective evaluations of crop conditions.

Most reporters complete their questionnaire on Friday or early Monday morning and submit it to the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) Field Office in their State by mail, telephone, fax, e-mail, or through a secured internet website. A small number of reports are completed on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Regardless of the time that the questionnaire is completed, reporters are asked to report for the week ending on Sunday. For reports submitted prior to the Sunday reference date, a degree of uncertainty is introduced into the projections for weekend progress and crop condition changes. By the end of the 2001 season, nearly two-thirds of the data were being submitted through the internet website. As a result, about one-half of all data are submitted on Monday morning, which has significantly reduced this projection uncertainty.

Reporters are sent written reporting instructions at the beginning of each season and are contacted periodically to ensure proper reporting. Terms and definitions of crop stages and condition categories that are used as reporting guidelines are available on the NASS website at: [www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/cwterms.htm](http://www.usda.gov/nass/pubs/cwterms.htm).

**Estimating Procedures:** Reported data are reviewed for reasonableness and consistency by comparing with data reported the previous week and data reported in surrounding counties for the current week. Each State Field Office summarizes the reported data to district and State levels, weighting each county's reported data by NASS county acreage estimates. Summarized indications are compared with previous week estimates, and progress items are compared with earlier stages of development and historical averages to ensure reasonableness. Weather events and reporter comments are also taken into consideration. State estimates are submitted to the Agricultural Statistics Board (ASB) along with supporting comments, where they are compared with surrounding States and compiled into a National level summary by weighting each State by its acreage estimates.

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